

**Remarks**

This amendment is submitted to place the present application in condition for allowance. Claims 24, 25, 34, 37, 38, 40-43 and 51-53 are pending in this application. Claims 24, 25, 34, 37, 38, 40-43 and 51-53 are rejected. Claims 24, 37-38 and 41-43 are amended herein. Claim 40 is canceled herein. New claims 54-56 are added herein.

Claim 24 and 43 are amended to incorporate the limitations of claim 34 and claim 40. Claims 37-38 and 41-42 are amended herein to correct matters of form. New claims 54-56 are added herein that are directed to the subject matter of claims 51-52, but these claims depend from pending claim 43. New claim 56 is directed to the subject matter of canceled claim 34, and depends from pending claim 43.

Applicants believe no new matter is added. After entry of this amendment, **claims 24-25, 34, 37-38, 41-43 and 51-56 are pending in this application.**

Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims is requested.

*Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, First Paragraph*

Claims 24, 25, 34, 37-38, 40-43 and 51-53 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph as allegedly the specification is not enabling for treating any inflammatory arthropathy. The Office action confirms that the specification is enabling for the treatment of inflammatory arthritis.

Applicants respectfully disagree with the rejection, and submit that the specification is fully enabling for methods for the treatment of any inflammatory arthropathy.

However, solely to advance prosecution, claims 24-25, 34, 37-38, 41-43 and 51-53 are amended to be directed to the methods for the treatment of inflammatory arthritis. The Office action has confirmed that this subject matter is fully enabled by the specification. Thus, the amendment of the claims renders the rejection moot.

Claim 40 is canceled herein, rendering the rejection moot as applied to this claim.

Applicants expressly reserve the right to prosecute any deleted subject matter in a continuation application.

**Conclusion**

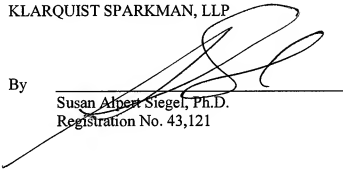
Applicants believe that the present claims are in condition for allowance, which action is requested. *If any issues remain prior to allowance, the Examiner is formally requested to contact the undersigned prior to issuance of an Advisory action, in order to arrange a telephonic interview.* It is believed that a brief discussion of the merits of the present application may expedite prosecution. This request is being submitted under MPEP §713.01, which indicates that an interview may be arranged in advance by a written request.

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